



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.		
10/005,483	11/09/2001	James Leroy Snell	125.003USR1	7202		
21967	7590	04/29/2005	EXAMINER			
HUNTON & WILLIAMS LLP INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT 1900 K STREET, N.W. SUITE 1200 WASHINGTON, DC 20006-1109				LIU, SHUWANG		
		ART UNIT		PAPER NUMBER		
				2634		
DATE MAILED: 04/29/2005						

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/005,483	SNELL ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Shuwang Liu	2634

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 February 2005.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-133 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 30-35,91-96 and 123-133 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-29,36-90 and 97-122 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/10/03, 08/06/03.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-29, 36-90 and 97-122 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection because of the amendment.
2. The rejection of claims 1-29, 36-90, and 97-122 under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph should be corrected to the rejection of claims 1-29, 36-90 and 97-122.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.
4. Claims 1-29, 36-90 and 97-122 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The amended "reducing an average DC signal component of the decoded information" as recited in claims 1, 17, 44, 62, 78, 105 and "reducing an average DC signal component of the encoded information" as recited in claims 36, 55, 97 and 116 are new matter. The new limitations were not described in the specification. As shown

in the record, the applicant disclosed "More specifically, the Office Action alleges that is it unclear what "reducing an average DC signal component" refers to. As discussed above, column 6, lines 28-33 recites that "the Modified Walsh code may be generated by modulo two adding a fixed hexadecimal code to the basic or standard Walsh codes to thereby reduce the average DC signal component and thereby enhance overall performance. ." As shown in the chart at column 6, lines 10-19, Basic Walsh code 00 is modified to 03, the modified Walsh code. As can be easily determined from the chart, the hexadecimal code 03 is added to the basic Walsh code. The Basic Walsh code set contains one member that is pure DC, as shown by 00. For Walsh codes sent as a spreading pattern, one would want a pseudo random sequence with many transitions and small DC components, as opposed to a pure DC code with no transitions. If repeated in communications, the pure DC member conveys little information and disrupts AC coupling. By adding the hexadecimal code, the pure DC member is transformed into a 03 component, which is no longer pure DC. Therefore, the average DC offset of the modified Walsh codes is substantially improved for AC coupling. Based on this explanation as fully supported by the original specification, Applicants believe the phrase "reducing an average DC signal component" clearly points out and identifies the claimed inventions of claims 1-29, 36-90 and 97-133." (see the response filed on March 05, 2004). The response clearly disclosed the reducing an average DC signal component of the basic Walsh code instead of the decoded information or the encoded information.

5. Claims 1-29, 36-90 and 97-122 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

The specification does not described "reducing an average DC signal component of the decoded information" as recited in claims 1, 17, 44, 62, 78, 105 and "reducing an average DC signal component of the encoded information" as recited in claims 36, 55, 97 and 116.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 30-35, 91-95 and 123-133 are allowed.

7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art fails to teach a baseband processor comprises a demodulator, which is configured to demodulate data packets by demodulating the header at the third format and for switching to the respective one of the first and second formats of the variable data after the header, a first carrier tracking loop for the third format, and a second carrier tracking loop for the first and second formats.

Conclusion

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shuwang Liu whose telephone number is 571 272-3036. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin can be reached on 571 272-3056. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).



Shuwang Liu
Primary Examiner
Art Unit 2634

April 19, 2005